



## GOOD REPUBLICANS IN BAND WAGON THIS DAY

### RYAN ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Tells What Harriman Threatened to Do.

UNLESS HE CONTROLLED

Some Part of the Stock in the Equitable Life Assurance Company.

WAS STRENUOUS INTERVIEW

United States Senator Dryden, of New Jersey, President of Prudential Life, Was on the Witness Stand—Gives Interesting Testimony.

New York, Dec. 12.—Thomas F. Ryan today appeared before the insurance investigating committee and told what E. H. Harriman did and threatened to do when he demanded that Ryan concede him a share in the control of the Equitable Life last June. Ryan's version of what Harriman demanded and what he threatened to do upon his refusal of his demands was in substance as follows: Harriman demanded one half of 505 shares of stock in the Equitable which Ryan had purchased from Hyde and which gave Ryan control of the property. Harriman threatened, unless he conceded this share to exert his political and all other influences against Ryan and his project. Harriman declared there would probably be legislative action and in that even his influence would be important. Harriman demanded the right to name two of the five trustees to vote controlling stock in the election of the directors of the society. In reply to questions of the counsel of the committee, Ryan stated that Harriman did not threaten there should be legislative action unless he had given his share in the Equitable control, but said there would probably be such action.

It was a strenuous interview, Ryan said, and held in the presence of Elihu Root, who was Ryan's counsel, and Paul D. Cravath.

Ryan told the committee he drew his inference from it that Harriman did not want anybody in control of the Equitable unless he had his share in it. Ryan also stated he paid no attention to Harriman's statement that his influence would be important in the event of legislative action and informed him he wanted no partners in the enterprise. Harriman did not get the coveted share in the stock.

United States Senator Dryden of New Jersey, president of the Pruden-

tial Life, was on the witness stand all the remainder of the day. He testified that his company paid \$26,000 to the Republican national campaign fund in 1896, 1900 and 1904. It paid \$5000 to Andrew Hamilton, formerly the New York Life Insurance Company's legislative agent at Albany.

### SEATTLE ASSAYER HAS SENT IN RESIGNATION

Seattle, Dec. 12.—Frederick A. Wing, the assayer in charge of the Seattle assay office, handed in his resignation this evening. Wing's statement is, that he had previously arranged with Senator Piles that he would step out, but when the Adams matter arose, he felt unable to do so until satisfactory investigation was made, and he himself exonerated. He states his action is now taken with the hope that a change of management will renew confidence in the office.

Director Roberts completed his work today. In a statement he declares all the gold shown to be missing in the last five years has been traced through the hands of Adams, and it is known that the expenditures of the latter exactly balance the amount lost by the government.

### FUNERAL IS HELD

Body of the Late Senator Mitchell Laid to Rest.

### AMID IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES

Funeral Services Conducted in First Congregational Church Under Auspices of the Elks—Odd Fellows Have Charge of Services at Grave

Portland, Dec. 12.—Impressive funeral services over the body of John H. Mitchell were held in the First Congregational church this afternoon. The large auditorium was crowded to the doors long before 2 o'clock the hour when the ceremony began. In the front pews sat the Odd Fellows, the Elks, and the Portland Bar. All available standing room was occupied and hundreds were turned away. The Elks were in charge of the funeral services from the time the body was taken from the city hall, where it had lain in state during the morning, until the ceremony at the church was over and the procession of carriages started for the Riverside Cemetery, where the interment took place in the family lot. Services at the grave were conducted by the Odd Fellows in accordance with ritual procedure.

The floral pieces were the cause of comment, because of their beauty and profusion. The body of Senator Mitchell was taken from the undertaking parlors at 10 o'clock in the morning and lay in state until 1 o'clock, a military guard was in attendance and thousands of people filed through the council chamber to take a last look at the face of the departed Senator.

### DEMOCRATS VICTORIOUS IN BOSTON ELECTION

Boston, Dec. 12.—The Democrats were victorious in Boston today, electing former Congressman John F. Fitzgerald, mayor over three other candidates. Fitzgerald's plurality over his nearest competitor, Louis A. Forthingham, Republican speaker of the Massachusetts House, reached 8380.

The votes were as follows: Fitzgerald, Democratic, 44,316; Forthingham, Republican, 35,938; Henry S. Dewey, Independent Republican, 11,037; James A. Watson, Citizens and Independent Democrat, 515. The vote today was unusually heavy for a city election, more than 92,000 votes being cast out of a total registration of 114,000.

### DEMOCRATIC BLUNDER IS HEADED OFF

THINK THAT L. D. MAHONE IS SUSCEPTIBLE

Use His Name in a Public Meeting for Ulterior Purposes and Are Sadly Deceived Again.

STORY OF A RETRACTION DESIRED BUT NONE IS MADE

Wily Play of a Few Politicians to Compel Him to Stultify Himself—He Quietly Puts All to the Bad Once More—An Open Letter in This Issue Showing Their Low Conceptions and Lower Methods.

♦♦♦♦♦ Astoria, Or., Dec. 12, 1905, 10 o'clock p. m. ♦♦♦♦♦  
♦ To Whom It May Concern,  
♦ The statement made in public, at the Citizens' meeting, at Suomi hall, in Uniontown, this city, this evening by Dr. H. L. Henderson, or any of the public speakers, that I had, or intended to, deny, retract, or in any other way, qualify, the report of my interview with E. M. Baker, at his Ninth street office, at 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon last, as set forth and published in the columns of the Morning Astorian of yesterday, is a falsehood, pure and simple. The story, as published, is true in every detail and I consented to its publication and endorse the terms and manner in which it so appeared in said columns. And I further declare that E. M. Baker called upon me repeatedly, yesterday, for this very denial and begged for some qualifying statement in this behalf, and that I refused and do still refuse, any such relief.  
♦ In view of the fact that Dr. Henderson declared in the meeting, last night, that my denial and retraction would appear this morning in the News-Herald of this city, I take this means of pronouncing any such publication therein, false and a forgery, and will take such steps as I deem best to adjust the matter.  
♦ LUTHER D. MAHONE. ♦♦♦♦♦

### REPUBLICAN CHALLENGE! DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGE!

We stand for a regulated city: No gambling dens. No dance hall dives. No wide open city. Municipal expense within municipal income. Restoration of financial integrity and at once. Conservative public business now, expansion when we can afford it. Police commissioners with power, and power with backbone, Common council to do something besides build streets. A Greater Astoria on a sound and justifiable Basis. No discounted warrants. No bonds we cannot pay. Less public service and better public servants. A chief of police that knows the first and simplest duty of his office, and does it. Charter protection against the slums. Astoria, Safe and Clean!!!

We stand for a "wide open" Astoria: Wider the better. We are pledged to open all gambling dens; all dance hall dives. Never mind municipal deficiencies: We will take care of the public credit. We need \$18,000 more per year. What's \$56,000 to run a Greater Astoria? Never mind expense just now. We must deliver the "wide open" town goods in July. Stand pat now we'll make good later. What's Astoria to the Democratic party? Save us now we'll take care of the city bye and bye. What's a few thousand beyond charter debt limit? More salaries; the treasury's good for 'em. Bogus chief of police and a complacent force. Ambiguous and Inoperative Charters our main reliance. Any old thing so we win. Democracy First, Astoria and her future next.

### CENTENNIAL OBSERVED.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Observance of the centennial of the birth of William Lloyd Garrison was continued yesterday when several meetings were held in honor of the great liberator. Under the auspices of the veteran association of Woman's Clubs, there was a large assembly in Faneuil hall at which Miss Eliza Gardner presided and Mrs. Julia Ward Howe spoke.

Later a second meeting was held in Faneuil hall at which the speakers included Rabbi Flakschier, Moorfield Storey, Edwin Meade, Professor Albert Bushness Hart of Harvard, and Henry B. Blackwell.

### ENFORCE ELKINS ACT

Attorney General Moody Sends Circular Letter to that Effect.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Attorney General Moody today sent a circular letter to all the United States district attorneys directing them to vigilantly enforce the provisions of the Elkins act against rebates and discriminations. The method of proceeding suggested is by way of indictments. It is the expectation that he letter will result in a prompt investigation of all complaints, followed by indictments, where there is evidence of warrants.

### AUTHORITIES HELP

Join With Russian Mutineers in Sacking Harbin.

### 400 CITIZENS MASSACRED

During the Night Rioting, Pillage, and Murder, Were Rampant—Houses and Stores Were Looted and Burned in the Chinese Quarter.

London Dec. 1.—The Daily Telegraph prints the concluding part of a dispatch from Moji, Japan, begun Monday, giving detailed accounts by refugees of the alleged sacking and burning of Harbin by mutinous Russians. It says the mutineers set fire to and pillaged houses in every direction and seized all the weapons and ammunition they were able to lay their hands on, when dawn came, according to these accounts, all the mutineers crept into hiding places. Daylight revealed the Chinese quarter in ruins and 400 Russian citizens lying dead or wounded in the streets. The authorities, accounts say really assisted the remnants of the city while pretending they were making efforts to suppress the mutiny.

### SIX CHILDREN BURNED.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 12.—The six children of William Morgan and wife were burned to death at Lindsey, near Punxsutawney at an early hour today. The parents and two remaining children barely escaped with their lives.

### GOVERNMENT IS AFTER RAILWAYS AND SHIPPERS

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Subpoenas summoned by United States District Attorney Thompson to appear before the federal grand jury tomorrow and give testimony in the prosecution to be brought against certain railways and shippers for rebating.

### WASP RETURNS TO PORT

After Terrific Battle With the Storm.

### SHIP LEAKS BADLY

Pumps Choked—Crew of Sixty Men Are Forced to Bale By Hand.

### ENGINE ROOM IS FLOODED

Ship Went to Assistance of Brig, Harry Smith, and Was Almost Overcome by the Storm—Gunboat Hist Expected Tomorrow.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 12.—The little gunboat Wasp, formerly the yacht Columbia, came into port this afternoon under one boiler and several sails, after a terrific battle with the North Atlantic hurricane, during which she sprung a leak and kept afloat after the pumps became choked, through hand bailing by the entire crew. The little vessel was blown nearly to the Gulf Stream by Sunday's storm and was nearly two days getting back to port. At one time the water which came in through the leak in the stern, flooded her engine room and for ten hours on Sunday the Wasp was at the mercy of the waves. The crew of sixty men, a third of whom were naval apprentices and unused to such boisterous conditions, baled for hours with buckets and succeeded in freeing the engine room. The Wasp left at 1 o'clock Saturday to go to the assistance of the brig Harry Smith, which was thought to be in a dangerous position at the entrance to Vineyard Sound. The gunboat Hist which went to the relief of the Nantucket lightship is expected back tomorrow.

### ARREST AGITATORS.

Paris, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Journal from St. Petersburg dated December 12th says, "Minister Durnovo has ordered the arrest of hundreds of agitators in the agrarian districts." The Dispatch says the installation of wireless telegraphy between St. Petersburg and Moscow and Wirballen is nearing completion.

### RAILWAY WRECK.

Meriden, Miss., Dec. 12.—In a wreck on the Southern railway near Curle, Ala., today, three persons were seriously injured, four slightly injured and several bruised.